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SUBJECT: SWEDEN MARKS FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF TAKEOVER IN CHILE  
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1. THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILITARY TAKEOVER IN CHILE  
WAS OBSERVED IN SWEDEN BY DEMONSTRATIONS INVOLVING 6,000  
PERSONS IN STOCKHOLM AND 2,000 IN GOTEBORG, AS WELL AS IN A  
SPEECH BY FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER.

2. RECALLING THE "BRUTAL MILITARY COUP" OF 1973, MRS. SODER  
SAID THAT "OUR WORST FEARS HAVE COME TRUE." SHE CONTINUED:  
"TODAY WE EXPRESS WITH UNDIMINISHED STRENGTH OUR ABHORRENCE  
OF THE OPPRESSION IN CHILE AND OUR SUPPORT FOR ITS VICTIMS.  
THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITHIN THE UN  
AND ELSEWHERE TO INSURE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE AGAIN RESPECTED  
IN CHILE." SHE CALLED UPON THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT  
TO ACCOUNT FOR THE MANY PERSONS "TAKEN AWAY BY DINA."  
NOTING THAT THE GOS HAS MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS IN  
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SANTIAGO TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO DIVULGE THE  
WHEREABOUTS OF THE MISSING. MRS. SODER CONCLUDED THAT  
SWEDEN HAS A RIGHT TO BE UPSET OVER THE MILITARY'S  
"PERSECUTION, TERROR AND TORTURE" AND THE INCREASINGLY  
POOR ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE CHILEAN MASSES.

3. DEMONSTRATORS AND SPOKESMEN IN STOCKHOLM WENT

FURTHER THAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN DEMANDING CONCRETE MEASURES AGAINST CHILE, ESPECIALLY A BOYCOTT OF THE UNLOADING OF CHILEAN GOODS IN SWEDISH PORTS. CRITICISM OF OFFICIAL SWEDISH CHARACTERIZATION OF GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS IN ARGENTINA, CHILE, AND URUGUAY AS TERRORIST GROUPS WAS ALSO VOICED.

4. COMMENT: THIS YEAR'S ANNIVERSARY "CELEBRATIONS," WHICH PRESAGE A WEEK OF OBSERVANCES ALL OVER SWEDEN, TESTIFY TO THE STRENGTH OF THE CHILE "LOBBY" IN SWEDEN. MORE THAN 3,000 CHILEAN POLITICAL EXILES NOW RESIDE IN THIS COUNTRY. THE FACT THAT MRS. SODER FELT IT IMPOLITIC TO LET THE DATE GO BY WITHOUT A PUBLIC CONDEMNATION OF THE JUNTA ALSO SHOWS THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE A STRONG PUBLIC POSITION, EVEN IF IT WILL PROBABLY RESIST CALLS FOR TOUGHER MEASURES PROPOSED BY ANTI-JUNTA GROUPS.

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